

support of the Janes congregation, and many members of the community, the new Janes Church was built and consecrated in April 1991. The story of Janes' rebuilding was the basis of Reverend Simpson's post-graduate work and dissertation in "Church Administration and Liturgies" at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

As a minister, Reverend Simpson is in a unique position to touch the lives and to help mold so many futures. Because of this enormous responsibility, he has initiated a number of programs which contributed to the growth and development of the church and the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. During his pastorate, Reverend Simpson has developed the church's Community Outreach Program, a tutorial program for school aged children; the Senior Citizens' Friendship Club; the Voter Registration and Information Project; referral programs; a Meals-on-Wheels Program; and "God's Sheltering Arms," Janes' ministry to the homeless. Clearly Janes United Methodist Church is in a better position because of Reverend Simpson.

Reverend Simpson's remarkable climb was accompanied by an ever-increasing group of civic, religious, and philanthropic organizations in which he participated. He served the wider community as a member of Community Planning Board #3, District 16 Community School Board and New York Methodist Hospital Board of Directors. He has worked diligently in numerous positions within the United Methodist Church denomination to strengthen the church infrastructure. He has served as Treasurer of the New York Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Chair of the Episcopal Committee, and member of the Council of Finance and Administration.

Reverend Simpson began his formal education in the nursery school at Janes United Methodist Church, the church he would eventually pastor for 25 years. He attended both public and private schools in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Yale Divinity School in June 1993 with a Master's of Divinity.

In a recent sermon on "Buried Talents," Reverend Simpson emphasized the importance of using all of the gifts and graces God has entrusted to us. His leadership and pastoring of the church is an excellent example of the strength, fortitude, faith and perseverance needed for an effective ministry in the church or any other leadership position. Reverend Simpson has made Janes United Methodist Church a landmark for families to worship and a dramatic force for good. We salute Reverend O. Simpson and the accomplishments of his ministry. He is a great Point-of-Light for all Americans.

HONORING JOSEPH S. TOLBERT

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a model American who recently passed away.

Born on November 27, 1924 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joseph S. Tolbert (Tolochko) enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942 immediately after this graduation from Taylor Allderdice High School. As one of the young-

est command pilots in the American forces in Europe, he completed his 25th mission over Germany only one day before his 19th birthday.

After his service in Europe, he returned to the United States and, over the next few years, maintained his reserve status in the Air Force. Immediately after his graduation with honors from the University of Pittsburgh, he returned to active duty and went on to serve in several subsequent military conflicts. His many years of reserve training with a broad range of aircraft, as well as his experiences in World War II, served him well during the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Recognized as an experienced and talented pilot, he was enrolled in a graduate program at Maxwell Air Force Base for Command and Staff College. During his years of active service, he also taught aeronautical courses at New York University.

Retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1969, he experienced great success in the automobile sales industry and opened his own dealership in Woodland, California. After several years, he entered the video security market and established several offices of Videoscope Inc. in the Sacramento area. He also participated in several civic organizations, such as the Davis Rotary, the Kiwanis, and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as several professional aviation associations.

He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a successful entrepreneur and an exceptional citizen. I join the residents of the Pittsburgh area in extending our deepest regrets to his family.

**PATRICIA A. FRIEND DISCUSSES  
LABOR RIGHTS IN TAIWAN AND  
THE ABUSE OF THOSE RIGHTS  
IN CHINA**

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 1998*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as President Clinton is in the People's Republic of China in search of better relations between our two nations, I hope that his efforts will serve to influence the Beijing government to improve its dismal policies on the application of basic international human rights and to respect internationally-recognized trade union rights for workers of China.

China's human rights abuses have been chronicled on the floor of this House and in numerous committee and subcommittee hearings on many occasions. These abuses include arbitrary detention, imprisonment for political views and exercise of trade union rights, abuse of prisoners and denial of its citizens' rights to freedom of expression and assembly.

In direct contrast to the practices of the government of China, the Republic of China on Taiwan presents a completely different picture. Taiwan is a nation with democratically elected leaders, which respects human rights and trade union rights. Taiwan is a country with a booming economy, but unlike China one does not find forced labor, political repression, and abuse of human rights. In particular, Mr. Speaker, Taiwan guarantees political, economic and press freedoms that are an integral part of civic and political life. Taiwan is a society where workers are freely allowed to form

their own unions and to engage in collective bargaining with their employers.

In this connection, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues an excellent opinion article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle written by Patricia A. Friend, the International President of the AFL-CIO's Association of Flight Attendants, and a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

In her article, Ms. Friend accurately reports on the significant gains that have been achieved by Taiwanese workers, and she points up the sharp contrast to the huge difference in the record of Taiwan vis-a-vis China when it comes to democratic freedoms, economic progress for its citizens, and the application of and respect for international human rights, trade unions rights and free expression.

I commend Ms. Friend for her excellent and timely essay on the state of freedom in Taiwan and I urge my colleagues to give this article the thoughtful attention that it deserves.

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TAIWAN, NOT MAINLAND, IS ON RIGHT PATH

(By Patricia A. Friend)

It has been nearly two decades since U.S. airlines began regular service to Taiwan and mainland China, establishing a direct and important link to the Asia-Pacific region. That tie and the many others established since have helped spur pro-democracy efforts and new freedoms of speech and press—but only on one side of the Taiwan Strait.

While the People's Republic of China is notorious for abuses of human rights, Taiwan celebrates respect for human rights and the right of employees to form and join unions. In fact, about 200 Taiwanese flight attendants who work for United Airlines based in Taipei have joined the other 45,000 members of the Association of Flight Attendants, a member union in the AFL-CIO and a group that I am proud to serve as international president. The Taiwanese flight attendants are the only Taiwanese nationals to be members of a U.S. labor union.

This development, as much as any other, underscores the vast differences between mainland China and Taiwan.

On the east side of the strait, the people of Taiwan have made dramatic changes in recent years. The island is now a vibrant democracy under the bold leadership of President Lee Teng-hui, the first directly and democratically elected leader in ethnic Chinese history. Last fall the opposition party, the Democratic Progressive Party, took a majority of seats in local elections, clear evidence of the willingness of the Taiwanese people to exercise their newfound right to vote and their freedom to do so.

Taiwan is home to 21.6 million people and one of the most dynamic economies in the world. The economic crisis that has rocked so many Asian nations in recent months has left Taiwan virtually unscathed. The tiny island boasts a per-capita income of almost \$13,000, status as the world's 13th-largest trading partner and the United States' eighth-largest trading partner.

The United States exports \$18 billion a year of goods to Taiwan, 50 percent more than the United States exports to mainland China.

Taiwan has demonstrated a commitment to expanding opportunities there for U.S. businesses. In February, Taiwan and the United States concluded talks, which have been going on for four years, on the terms of Taiwan's entry into the World Trade Organization. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said the agreement would "dramatically open up Taiwan's markets," particularly in the areas of agricultural products and industrial goods.